Sarah Ann Dorscy, wife of Robert E. Dorsey, Alexander CHAP. 40. T. H. Duvall, Algernon S. Duvall, Virginia C. Duvall, Henry C. Duvall, James L. H. Duvall, and Mary E Duvall; and the said Henry Clagett (acting in his own behalf and as guardian for his daughter, Olivia Clagett, who is yet within age) the said Thomas H. Clagett, Henry Clagett, the young. er, and Elizabeth Clagett; and the said Grafton Duvall, the said Robert E. Dorsey and Sarah Ann Dorsey, his wife, the said Algernon S. Duvall, and the said Alexander T. H. Duvall, (acting in his own behalf and as guardian for the said Virginia C. Duvall, Henry C. Duvall, James L. H. Duvall, and Mary E. Duvall, all of whom are within age,) having united in a petition to this General Assembly to confirm and make valid said partition, in the same manner as if the said Julia Clagett and Elizabeth Whitaker Duvall had severally, been privately examined, as required by law; and forasmuch as all parties appear to be satisfied with the said partition, and to be desirous that the same may be confirmed,—Therefore.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Deed confirmed, Maryland, That the partition so as aforesaid in and by the deed aforesaid, expressed to be made, by and between the said Henry Clagett and Julia Clagett his wife, of the one part, and said Grafton Duvall and Elizabeth Whitaker Duvall, his wife of the other part, shall be, and the same is hereby established, confirmed, and made valid, conclusive and perpetual, as between the heirs at law of said Julia Clagett, and the heirs at law of said Elizabeth Whitaker Duvall, respectively, according to the allotment, courses and distances, expressed in said deed; and in the same manner as if the said Julia Clagett, and said Elizabeth Whitaker Duvail, had been severally, privately examined by the said justices, before whom the said deed was acknowledged, seperate, apart from, and out of the presence and hearing of their said respective husbands; and upon such separate and private examination had severally declared, that they voluntarily and freely acknowledged the said deed to be their act and deed, and without being induced to do so by fear or threats of, or illusuage by their said respective husbands, or by fear of their displeasure; and as if the said justices had certified such private examination and acknowledgment in due form of law, and as if such certificate of acknowledgment had been regularly recorded with the said deed and as forming a part thereof.